

IN THE CLAIMS

1-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A system for forming a channel in a bone comprising:

a guide wire having a leading and trailing end;

a rotatable boring tool having a wall surrounding an axial bore for receiving said guide wire, said tool having a first end including a cutting element and a drive end for connection to a power source, said wall adjacent said drive end having an elongated opening therethrough in communication with said bore for viewing said guide wire trailing end.

8. (original) The system as set forth in claim 7 wherein said opening is in the form of an elongated slot.

9. (original) The system as set forth in claim 8 wherein a pair of elongated slots are located on opposite sides of said wall.

10-18. (cancelled)

19. (previously presented) A boring tool for bone, particularly the proximal femur comprising:

a shank having a rotatable cutting tool at a first distal end thereof, the shank and cutting tool having a cannulation therethrough, the cutting tool having a drive portion at a proximal end thereof, the shank having a radially outwardly extending slideable lock portion between the shank distal end and the drive portion, the distal end of the shank spaced distally of the lock portion and the drive portion spaced

proximally of the lock portion, the shank having a pair of diametrically opposed windows therein; and

a guide wire slidably received within the cannulation in the shank and cutting tool and having a trailing end viewable through the windows in the shank.

20. (previously presented) The boring tool for bone as set forth in claim 19 wherein said pair of windows extends parallel to the cannulation in the shank.

21. (previously presented) The boring tool for bone as set forth in claim 19 wherein said diametrically opposed windows extend in parallel.